

Company No. 106 of the Chicago Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Over the last century, the firefighters of Engine Company No. 106 have shown an enduring commitment to community service and have worked tirelessly to keep our communities safe.

Fire-related fatalities in Chicago are at a 25 year-low, thanks to the life saving efforts of Chicago's firefighters and community outreach efforts by firefighters to schools, senior centers and neighborhood associations. Chicago's citizens are now better informed about how to prevent and handle emergency situations, and they view their local firehouse as an important and valuable resource in the neighborhood.

I have visited Engine Company No. 106 many times. This company has always epitomized the exemplary values of honor and protection that the Chicago Fire Department and the Maltese Cross have become known to symbolize. All too often we take for granted the heroic efforts of these dedicated public servants.

Fire Marshal and Chief of Brigade, James Horan originally established Engine Company No. 106 on December 31, 1906. As a part of the Fourth Fire Battalion of Chicago, the original firehouse was located at 2754 North Fairfield Avenue, near the intersection of Diversey and Fairfield Avenues.

The original members of the company roster included Captain Alexander Kopeto, Lieutenant Thomas Mulcahy, Engineer Henry Clohecy, Assistant Engineer Thomas Walsh, Pipemen Frank Mashek, Thomas Cavanaugh, Frank McDermott, and Thomas Hogan, and Drivers John Murphy and Thomas McCarthy. Today, Captain Kenneth Soo of Engine No. 106 and Captain Steven Kierys of Truck No. 13 continue this tradition of excellent service for our community.

This year's Grand Gala celebrating Engine Company No. 106, Truck No. 13, and Ambulance No. 48 will take place at the current firehouse location at 3401 North Elston Avenue. This will be a wonderful event that will memorialize this important anniversary: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the north side of Chicago and the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I wish to recognize the past and current firefighters of Engine No. 106 for their dedication and commitment to service. Moreover, I wish all the best for the future firefighters of Engine No. 106 and their families.

A TRIBUTE TO CPO ANDREW W.
DOYLE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Cadet Andrew W. Doyle for his promotion to Chief Petty Officer of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. On May 14th, 2006, family and friends of CPO Doyle gathered on the Battleship *New Jersey* in Camden to celebrate this outstanding achievement.

During his more than three years of service, Andrew Doyle has exemplified what it is to be a leader. He has also demonstrated a deep patriotism that has propelled him to this elite

rank. Because of his dedication, ability, and significant contribution to the community, Andrew Doyle is truly an inspiration to U.S. Naval Sea Cadets everywhere, and to all citizens of this nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor CPO Andrew W. Doyle for his remarkable record of service and accomplishments. There is no doubt that CPO Doyle will be successful in whatever challenges he undertakes and will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all. I extend to him my heartfelt congratulations and I wish Chief Petty Officer Andrew W. Doyle the best of luck in his future.

HONORING CHARLOTTE QUANN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and community service of Charlotte Marie Peterson Quann, a courageous servant of the public good. A protector of battered women and children, an advocate for the poor, and a courageous woman in her personal life, Charlotte Quann always strove to lift up the disadvantaged and bring light to any situation with her great sense of humor. Her life is being celebrated following her passing on May 17, 2006.

Charlotte was born on December 5, 1934, the first of seven children. Charlotte grew up in Detroit and attended Detroit public schools, graduating from Northwestern High School at the young age of 16. Throughout her childhood, Charlotte was extremely precocious and motivated; she was active in the Urban League, YMCA speech and debate, ran for President of the school, and excelled academically. Unsurprisingly, her picture now sits in the Northwestern High School hall of fame.

Beyond her achievements, she also nurtured a sense of civic duty from a young age. Influenced by her father, a union organizer, she helped unionize Detroit's factory workers while still in high school. Because of her intelligence and political activism, she went to Washington and served as one of the youngest Congressional pages, working for Congressman JOHN CONYERS. Shortly thereafter, she attended Wayne State University.

Charlotte's energy and ambition continued, and she achieved great personal success. Charlotte became the first African American to work for Capital Airlines, which later became United Airlines, rising through the ranks of management. However, she was always cognizant of social and racial issues within the company. She became an important leader for African-Americans in the organization, serving as Secretary, Vice President, and eventually President of the United Airlines Black Professional Organization.

Beyond achieving professional success, she also sought personal success, and she worked to balance the different areas of her life. During this time, she started her family. After marrying Charles David Quann on June 7, 1958, she gave birth to three children, Steven, Warren, and Carla. All of her children have grown up to emulate Charlotte's compassion, generosity and community-mindedness. I have personally known Warren for many years, and have always held him in high re-

gard for his constant community advocacy and work for political change at the systemic level. He places the same high value on the well-being of others and of his community as his mother always did, and I am privileged to know and to have worked with someone as special as Warren.

In 1972, Charlotte transferred within United Airlines to San Francisco, which ultimately became one of the most important events in her life because all of the philanthropic work that she would do in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her passions in community service were wide ranging, but mostly she focused on underserved children, battered women, and impoverished families, and her record of charitable work is second to none. She served as the Chair of the Board for the Casa De Las Madres emergency residential shelter for battered women and children, for the Mary Elizabeth Inn residential shelter for battered women, for the Center Point drug treatment programs, and served on the board at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, becoming extremely involved there, with a particular focus on Glide's children's programs. She also grew involved with the ministry and represented Glide within the United Methodist Church and was an active member on the Commission on Race and Religion.

Charlotte was not only cherished by people for her service to the community, but also because her bright spirit served to lift up those around her. The good humor and optimism that Charlotte radiated could make any situation more bearable, and her love and desire to help others was cherished by all who knew her.

A champion of the underserved, a courageous citizen, and a loving mother and wife, Charlotte Quann, as her sister said, "lived well, loved much, and laughed often." On behalf of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I am proud to add my voice to the countless others who have united in appreciation of this outstanding individual, and I salute Charlotte Quann for her invaluable contributions to the San Francisco Bay Area, the United States, and to our world.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DANIEL
EDMONDSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Edmondson for his outstanding volunteer work and being awarded the 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Daniel, an eighth-grader at Silvestri Junior High School in Las Vegas, has been teaching Taekwondo karate classes to young children for the past eight years. Daniel started taking Taekwondo lessons when he was just six years old. As a young child, he was so taken with the sport that he wanted to share it with others.

In order to become a junior instructor, Daniel had to train for two years, log 350 hours of volunteer service at the Taekwondo studio, and pass both physical and written tests. Daniel now leads classes, mentors young students, and helps them prepare for tournament competitions. Over the last several years,

Daniel has taught more than 150 youths not only the physical techniques of Taekwondo, but also self-discipline, confidence, respect, and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Daniel Edmondson for his volunteer activities. His being recognized at the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is truly a great accomplishment. I applaud his efforts and wish him the best with his future endeavors.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4157) to amend the Social Security Act to encourage the dissemination, security, confidentiality, and usefulness of health information technology:

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Chairman, I believe there is great potential in the widespread adoption of health information technology. By expanding the use of health information technology, we can reduce medical errors, improve the quality of care and patient safety, enhance efficiency and significantly reduce health care costs.

However, the bill before us fails to make any progress toward greater adoption of health information technology.

H.R. 4157 fails to provide for the development or adoption of interoperability standards. It also fails to provide adequate funding to assist providers transitioning to an electronic medical records system, and it greatly weakens Medicare's fraud and abuse laws.

The RAND Corporation recently estimated that by implementing health information technology, we can save as much as \$162 billion per year. Unfortunately, H.R. 4157 accomplishes so little that we would fail to yield any of these potential savings.

The most troubling aspect of this bill is its failure to protect an individual's medical privacy.

Even the President of the United States, believes an individual's medical information should be protected. On January 27, 2005, the President stated, "I presume I'm like most Americans—I think my medical records should be private." And on May 22, 2006, the President stated, "Our goal, by the way, is for every American to have an electronic medical record. And—but, by the way, with a guarantee of privacy."

During the committee process, Mr. DOGGETT and I offered an amendment that would have strengthened privacy protections for individuals. Specifically, the amendment: (1) expressly recognized the right of an individual to privacy and security; (2) required individuals to consent to having their information shared; (3) allowed individuals to prohibit access to particularly sensitive information in their health record (i.e., HIV, mental health, genetic information); (4) required individuals to be notified if their health record has been breached, and (5) allowed individuals to obtain damages from an entity that wrongfully uses or discloses identifiable health information.

Unfortunately, our Republican colleagues did not share these goals and voted against these provisions on numerous occasions. Yesterday, we joined our colleagues from the Energy and Commerce Committee and offered a similar amendment again before the Rules Committee. The amendment was blocked there as well.

As we move forward on health information technology, it is absolutely essential that an individual's most personal and vulnerable information is protected. In a digital environment, HIPPA is just not enough.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly believe in the potential of health information technology. Unfortunately, I cannot support the legislation before us because it fails to truly make any progress in achieving that goal.

CONGRESS SHOULD UPDATE CREDIT UNION REGULATIONS AND IMPROVE RULES FOR CREDIT CARDS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, we all recognize the importance of the financial services industry—including both banks and credit unions—to our economy. I support and applaud the steps both have taken toward better services and improved products.

However, I think there's a need to change some of the rules involving credit cards and I also think we need to remember the need for diversity in the industry. That's why I am cosponsoring H.R. 2317, to update the regulation of credit unions, and have introduced a bill dealing with credit cards.

The last major changes to the Federal Credit Union Act were in 1998, and since then there has been time to identify unnecessary and outdated provisions and develop legislation that would make common sense improvements.

That is the background for H.R. 2317, the Credit Union Regulatory Improvements Act (or "CURIA"), introduced by our colleagues, Representatives ED ROYCE and PAUL E. KANJORSKI. It combines a series of regulatory enhancements that will allow credit unions to operate more effectively and efficiently. These changes can help improve productivity and efficiency in a competitive and dynamic marketplace, and will translate into better and lower-cost service to credit union members.

The current bill improves upon similar bipartisan legislation introduced in the 108th Congress, and its broad support is shown by the fact that it has no fewer than 121 cosponsors. That support reflects the reality that credit unions—with 87 million members nationwide and 1.5 million just in Colorado—provide choice in the financial services industry.

My support for credit unions does not mean hostility to banks, because I do not think credit unions represent a threat to the continued success of banks. Credit unions remain member-owned not-for-profit institutions directed by volunteer boards that pool their resources to help each other. And while credit unions have changed and grown, that has not prevented banks from growing as well. In 2005, bank profits reached a record level of \$134.2 billion.

Banks have a 94% share of the financial services industry, holding more than \$10 trillion in assets. In fact, the net growth in bank assets in 2005—\$626 billion—was nearly as much as the combined total assets of all credit unions in the country while one of the biggest banks has assets that exceed the \$669 billion in assets held by all the credit unions.

In view of these realities, I am not persuaded that the modest changes in credit-union regulation included in CURIA represent a real threat to the continued success of the banking industry—and there is no doubt they can and will benefit consumers.

Similarly, consumers will benefit from the common-sense changes in the rules governing issuance of credit cards that would be accomplished by enacting H.R. 5383, the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act, which I introduced earlier this year.

That bill reflects the reality that Congress needs to do more to promote responsibility by those who provide credit, beginning with credit card companies. Like a similar (but not identical) bill introduced by Senator DODD, my bill takes some simple, common-sense steps to stop abusive practices, educate cardholders, and stiffen the penalties for violations.

I hope that when we return in September, the House will have an opportunity to consider both H.R. 2317, the Credit Union Regulatory Improvements Act, and H.R. 5383, the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARTIN TAGGART

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martin L. Taggart as he retires from a distinguished career as a coach and an educator at Moapa Valley High School.

Marty Taggart grew up in Afton, Wyoming. He graduated from Southern Utah University with a major in Physical Science and Health and minors in both Math and Botany. During college, Taggart played 4 years of football and spent his summers as a forest ranger.

Marty has been a beloved teacher in Moapa Valley for the past 35 years. When he began his career, Moapa Valley High School served all of the students in Moapa Valley from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. Marty spent the first 13 years of his career teaching junior high school math, science and physical education. However, he has spent the majority of his career teaching at the high-school level. In addition to math, science and physical education, Taggart has taught health, careers, and weight training while at Moapa Valley High School.

Although he has been an incredibly committed educator, perhaps his most memorable contributions to Moapa Valley High School are those he made while coaching football and wrestling. Coach Taggart founded the wrestling program in Moapa Valley and has been the driving force behind its expansion and success over the past 31 years. He has also spent the past 33 years coaching football at Moapa Valley High School. Both teams have been very competitive and enjoyed many successes as a result of Coach Taggart's dedicated leadership.